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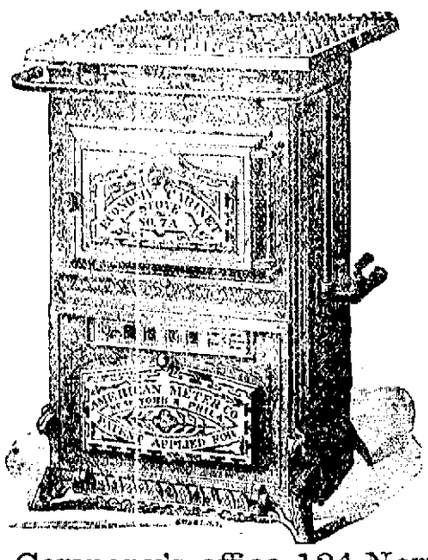

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June 17-dtf.

Courts of Conciliation.

In Norway a court of conciliation, consisting of two judges, is established in every city and in every county district or settlement holding at least twenty families or households. The judges are by the law required to be "good men" and must be residents of their respective jurisdictions. They are elected by the people for a term of three years. The office is considered a non-political one, and to elect only the best men to fill it has become a custom as valid as law. As a rule only men of mature years, independent and with excellent standing in the community are chosen.

The jurisdiction of the courts does not extend beyond civil causes. When a party intends to sue another party on any civil matter the first thing to do is to summon the adversary before the proper court of conciliation. This court holds sessions once a week in cities, and once a month in country districts. Three days' notice must be given in the cities, and from six days to eight weeks in the country districts. Lawyers are excluded. The parties meet in person; if they have lawful excuse they may be represented by some of their kin or household. The presiding judge reads the summons, and the complainant states his case and presents what evidence he thinks necessary and sufficient. Then the court requests the summoned party to answer the complaint. When both sides have been heard, the judges state what in their judgment would be a fair and equitable settlement of the matter, and request the parties to consider the uncertainty and great cost of a trial. In most cases the parties, after some deliberation, in the presence of the judges, come to the conclusion that it will be best to effect a settlement. The agreement is recorded, each pays a fee of twenty-five cents, and they leave the court as conciliated as friends, and with a record of their agreement that has the force of a final, unimpeachable judgment. That is the end of the cause if the sheriff is not called upon to enforce the agreement, which may be done by the levy of an execution.

If the parties do not agree to agree the court of conciliation certifies to that effect and the complainant may take the case before the court having power to try and determine causes.—Cor. Minneapolis Tribune.

Married Conductors Preferred.

The railroad companies, as a rule, greatly prefer that their conductors should be men of family for the two fold reason that they are more easily located when wanted, and, again, for the influence for good that a loving wife and affectionate children may have over him. "A man will often hesitate before doing a wrong which might send him to the penitentiary when he has a wife and children at home to look after and care for," remarked a railroad superintendent yesterday. This led him to say that the fatigues of a long run made the conductors anxious for the peace and quiet of home, and when they have one they can nearly always be found at it.

Conductors dissipate very little nowadays. The man who drinks, even when off duty, is not the proper party to intrust with the lives of a great number of people. It is a rare thing to see one of them in a barroom, and if seen there he does not tarry long. One of the oldest and most popular conductors of St. Louis is at present laying off, with no prospect of securing a job again soon. He has been resting for a year. When the superintendent under whom he worked was asked the reason for this enforced idleness he candidly answered that there was nothing against the man except his failing of taking an occasional drink. The company could not afford to employ men who tippled for such responsible work when there were so many good and temperate men anxious to fill the same positions.—Globe-Democrat.

A Captain's Fortunate Discovery.

Captain Coleman, schr. Weymouth, plying between Atlantic City and New York, has been troubled with a cough so that he was unable to sleep, and was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. It not only gave him instant relief, but allayed the extreme soreness in his breast. His children were similarly affected and a single dose had the same happy effect. Dr. King' New Discovery is now the standard remedy in the Coleman household and on board the schooner. Free trial bottles of this standard remedy at John A. Swearingen's drug store. a4

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THE BEST SALVE in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or your money refunded. Price, 25 cents per box. For sale by John A. Swearingen. a1

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I do not believe that Ayer's Sarsaparilla has an equal as a remedy for Scrofulous Humors. It is pleasant to take, gives strength and vigor to the body, and produces a more permanent, lasting, result than any medicine I ever used.—E. Haines, No. Lindale, O.

I have used Ayer's Sarsaparilla, in my family, for Scrofula, and know, if it is taken faithfully, it will *thoroughly eradicate* this terrible disease.—W. F. Fowler, M. D., Greenville, Tenn.

For forty years I have suffered with Erysipelas. I have tried all sorts of remedies for my complaint, but found no relief until I commenced using Ayer's Sarsaparilla. After taking ten bottles of this medicine I am completely cured.—Mary C. Amesbury, Rockport, Me.

I have suffered, for years, from Catarrh, which was *so severe* that it destroyed my appetite and weakened my system. After trying other remedies, and getting no relief, I began to take Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and, in a few months, was cured.—Susan L. Cook, 909 *Albany st., Boston* Highlands, Mass.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla is superior to any blood purifier that I have ever tried. I have taken it for Scrofula, Canker, and Salt-Rheum, and received much benefit from it. It is good, also, for a weak stomach.—Millie Jane Peirce, South Bradford, Mass.

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SYMPTOMS OF CATARRH.—Dull, heavy headache, obstruction of the nasal passages, discharges falling from the head into the throat, sometimes profuse, watery, and acrid, at others, thick, tenacious, mucous, purulent, bloody and putrid; the eyes are weak, watery, and inflamed; there is ringing in the ears, deafness, hacking or coughing to clear the throat, expectoration of offensive matter, together with scabs from ulcers; the voice is changed and has a nasal twang; the breath is offensive; smell and taste are impaired; there is a sensation of dizziness, with mental depression, a hacking cough and general debility. Only a few of the above-named symptoms are likely to be present in any one case. Thousands of cases annually, without manifesting half of the above symptoms, result *in consumption, and end in the grave.* No disease is so common, more deceptive and dangerous, or less understood by physicians.

By its mild, soothing, and healing properties, Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy cures the worst cases of **Catarrh, "cold in the head," Coryza,** and **Catarrhal Headache.**

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"Untold Agony from Catarrh."

Prof. W. HAVSNER, the famous mesmerist, of *Ithaca, N. Y.*, writes: "*Some ten years ago* I suffered untold agony from chronic nasal catarrh. My family physician gave me up as incurable, and said I must die. My case was such a bad one, that every day, towards sunset, my voice would become so hoarse I could barely speak above a whisper. In the morning my coughing and clearing of my throat would almost strangle me. By the use of Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy, in three months, I was a well man, and the cure has been permanent."

"Constantly Hawking and Spitting."

THOMAS J. RUSHING, Esq., *2902 Pine Street, St. Louis, Mo.*, writes: "I was a great sufferer from catarrh for three years. At times I could hardly breathe, and was constantly hawking and spitting, and for the last eight months could not breathe through the nostrils. I thought nothing could be done for me. Luckily, I was advised to try Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy, and I am now a well man. I believe it to be the *only sure remedy for catarrh now* manufactured, and one has only to give it a fair trial to experience astounding results and a permanent cure."

Three Bottles Cure Catarrh.

ELI ROBBINS, *Runyan P. O., Columbia Co., Pa.*, says: "My daughter had catarrh when she was five years old, very badly. I saw Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy advertised, and procured a bottle for her, and soon saw that it helped her; a third bottle *effected a permanent cure.* She is now eighteen years old and sound and hearty."

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100 Dozen Undershirts.

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100 Pairs Full Size Clean Gray Blankets at $1.00 per pair.

Heavy Gray Blankets at $1.40, $2.25 and $3.50.

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One Lot All-wool Scarlet Blankets, $3.50.

Fine All-wool Scarlet Blankets, $4.50.

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FRIDAY EVE., DEC. 16, 1887.

THE Democratic party in power is a standing menace to the industrial prosperity of the country. Some chestnuts be old and some be true. This one of Mr. Blaine's is both.

THE revenue from the tobacco tax, which Mr. Blaine says he favors removing at once amounts to about $30,000,000 a year. This would materially lessen the much-complained-of surplus.

THE Illinois Republican State Convention must be held one month before the National Republican Convention, which means before May 19, 1888. Candidates have, therefore, only five months in which to work up the State. That will be quite long enough, however, for the large number who will not succeed in getting the offices they are seeking.

ST. LOUIS *Globe-Democrat*: Since the appearance of Mr. Blaine's pronunciamento on the tariff question, Col. Joseph Medill has abandoned all hope of a foreign mission. He has dismissed his French dancing-master, and he no longer strains his gold-rimmed spectacles over the entrancing pages of "French Without a Master." He had got as far as *je suis*, when his powerful mind was struck all of a heap by the "Blaine sophistry," as he now calls it. He exclaimed that he would rather be right than be French Minister—and at last accounts it looked as if he would never be either.

THE convention of Republican clubs, which is to open in New York City to-day, promises to be one of the most notable political gatherings of the time. Each Republican club in the country is entitled to send five delegates, and the number on hand up to last night makes it reasonably certain that every state in the Union will be well represented. The object of the convention is to consider the propriety of organizing many new clubs in each state, and to form a National League. No personal preferences for President will weigh with the convention, which will not be run in the interest of any aspirant. Undoubtedly much good can be done by such organizations as these which will meet to-day. Generally they are composed of young, energetic, public-spirited men. As centers of political activity in each city and village they would be enabled to render an important service to the party in the coming national canvass.

See Them.

The splendid herd of Christmas cattle to be killed by the Imboden Bros. for their market, can be seen at Culp's old wagon yard, on South Water street. They will be kept on exhibition there until wanted for the blocks, and all are invited to take a look at the herd. "Dot," the famous yearling steer, that took the premium at the Chicago Fat Stock Show, is in the herd of 10.

Talk About the Bottom Prices.

Dr. A. J. Stoner has knocked the *sides, bottom and top* out of all kinds of perfumes, and will sell lower than has ever been offered in any market, just now opening a FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR lot of elegant perfumes bought at half-price. He intends to give his customers the benefit of this immense reduction. Call and see if we are not in earnest.
dec10-d1w

A Fiery Smashup.

The fire Sunday morning was at Aungst & Dowling's Bakery, 533 North Morgan street. It originated between the ceiling and tin roof, but it was soon extinguished without much loss. The chemical broke down when but ten or fifteen yards from the fire. But that's not all—Aungst & Dowling have the finest line of Bread, Pies and Cakes, everything you can ask for in a bakery. As we employ all first-class bakers, and use all first-class material for our goods, we are prepared to serve the public with the very best. Wedding and Christmas cakes a specialty. Goods delivered to all parts of the city. Wagons out all day. Give us a call.
dec12-d6t

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handle the 8 and 10 karat Watches that are being sold for $23 and $25 because they will not give satisfaction to the customer, but will give you a better quality of goods for the same money, and something that we know will give you satisfaction. J. L. PEAKE & SON.
d14d6

T. N. LEAVITT, of Maroa, has been appointed agent for the Pierce Well Augur for Macon and adjoining counties. The Pierce Augur was the one used at Decatur and Maroa. n17-d&wtf

COME soon if you wish to select from the fine Artist Proof Etchings, for a limited time on sale at the City Book Store. J. H. Bevans. d14d6w1

A FULL line of Boys' and Youth's Patent Leather Slippers just received at Powers & Haworth. d10-dtf

GET the best oysters, packed fresh every morning, at DINGEE & COOPER'S.
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ALL kinds of upholstering goods in stock at A. Beers, Lincoln Square.
oct1-d3m

FOR CAPS, Scotch Caps and every kind of caps at the Star Clothing House, 117 N. Water street. dec1-d1m

PROMPT delivery of Decatur Coal. Telephone the shaft to wagon 98.
8-d6* AMOS ROTHROCK.

FOR Weather Strips, upholstering and furniture repairing go to A. Beers.
Oct1-d3mos

SEE the "Home Comfort" Ranges at Morehouse, Wells & Co.'s daw

FOREIGN NEWS.

Russia's Side of the Question of Concentrating Troops on the Border.

A Legitimate Measure of Self-Protection Made Necessary by Germany and Austria.

Reassuring News from San Remo--French Ministerial Promises--Passed the Credits.

Russia.

WHO IS THE AGGRESSOR.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 15.—The *Military Gazette* (official), referring to the recent alarmist reports of the Austrian newspapers owing to the transfer of Russian cavalry to Warsaw, says: "It is advisable to consider the military position of Russia and that of her neighbors on her western frontier in order to determine the question of who is really preparing to attack, and who is simply preparing for defense." The article shows the material increase in the German peace footing that has been made effective during the past five years, and the considerable increase of infantry, artillery and cavalry supplied to the frontier stations during that time. "Since 1878," says the *Gazette*, "950 kilometers of railways have been built in the eastern part of the German Empire, and greatly increased facilities for forwarding troops towards the Russian frontier have been added. There are ten junction stations afforded by this railway by which troops may be concentrated. Germany has formed the first class fortresses of Dantzig, Posen, Thorn and Koenigsberg, and buildings similar to those at these places have been erected at Graudenz. Austria has added nine divisions to her peace footing, which have been made effective, and the Galician garrisons have been reinforced by eighteen squadrons of cavalry, thirteen batteries of artillery and a full complement of horses. The Austrian Government has built since 1878 4,500 kilometers of railway in the district which might become the theater of war. Six railway lines have been made available for throwing troops in Galicia, which could in a short space of time be placed on the Russian frontier. Huts, depots and stores have been collecting in the vicinity of the frontier. The fortresses at Przemyre and Cracow have been converted into camp fortresses, and from the latter place Russian territory can be bombarded." The *Gazette* also declares that the rolling stock which the Government has accumulated at Cracow has been adapted to the Russian railway gauge. "These preparations," continues the article, "shows that Austria, under the semblance of making ready for defense, has for some time been preparing to invade Russia simultaneously with her ally. But Russia considered a European war a terrible misfortune. Notwithstanding this manifest danger that threatened Russia her peace footing that was effective in 1877 and 1878 was less than in 1885, while her neighbors during this period raised their peace footing 75,000 men. Doubtless Russia, in the event of the war, would not throw a mighty army into the field, but would confine herself to the policy of concentrating her troops along the frontier, an act incomparably more difficult for her than for her neighbors. In ten years Russia has built 2,828 kilometers of railway in her western provinces against 9,300 kilometers built by her neighbors in their eastern provinces." The *Gazette* concludes by stating that Germany and Austria's railway lines, however, cover only one-half the area that Russia's does, owing to the fact that the former have made a sort of network while Russia has spread out more.

The *Gazette* continuing its article says: "Russian railways no where pass outside the defensive lines formed by a triangle drawn between the three cities of St. Petersburgh, Warsaw and Odessa. The roads of her neighbors on the contrary run in a direct line to the Russian frontier. Built as they are, for the concentration of troops they form a compact network of railways in a zone in front of the frontiers of Russia and would be wonderfully efficient in time of war, compared to the insignificant number upon which Russia can rely. It is plainly seen, therefore, that Russia is constantly menaced by a rapid invasion of her territory on the part of both Germany and Austria. Time, however, forbids Russia to build railways, similar to those of her neighbors. The only course, therefore, which is left to her, is to improve her defenses, strengthen her fortresses and to increase the number of her troops along the frontier, thereby guarding against a surprise. The fact that German and Austria have substantially increased their military preparations since 1886, compels Russia to devise some counter-measures which will gradually be executed. The transfer of a few cavalry regiments to the region of the Vistula might certainly, as has been done, be made a pretext to excite the press and public opinion and to charge Russia of entertaining warlike intentions. Russian military officials who, although they do not fear the ultimate issue of a conflict in which all the allied forces of the peace league of Europe were thrown against Russia, still recognize that the defense of Russia is not yet assured, and if the peace alliance considers itself justified in developing offensive measures so far as to bring certain portions of Russia within range of its advanced forts, Russia has the undoubted right to provide for her defense and to employ every measure possible to uphold her honor and to maintain the inviolability of her territory."

England.

DISMISSED.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The case of James McHenry, who is connected with the Atlantic & Great Western railroad against Henry Lewis Birscheoffheim, the banker, in which the former charged the latter with obtaining £17,000 from him in 1874 under false pretenses, was yesterday dismissed by the magistrate. McHenry was entirely unable to prove the truth of his charges.

REASSURING REPORT FROM SAN REMO.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The official court circular states that the Queen yesterday received a reassuring report from San Remo in regard to the Crown Prince and that the telegrams printed by the newspapers are inaccurate and exaggerated.

France.

MINISTERIAL PROMISES.

PARIS, Dec. 16.—The French Ministry, in the declaration of their policy, promise to restore financial equity by a retrenchment of expenditures, and pledge themselves to inaugurate measures which will deal with the placing of the responsibility in regard to accidents; the regulation of hours for working women and children; a supperannuation fund for minors; to reform the bankruptcy laws, and various other reforms and measures are mentioned. The government demand the United Republican vote upon the scheme of the ministry for military legislation.

A FARCE.

PARIS, Dec. 16.—The trial of those who were held responsible for the burning of the Opera Comique, which occurred last May, was concluded yesterday. M. Carvacho, the manager of the theatre, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment and fined two hundred francs. Fireman Andre was sentenced to one month's imprisonment. The rest were acquitted.

PASSED THE CREDITS.

PARIS, Dec. 16.—The Chamber of Deputies passed yesterday, by a vote of 531 to 13, the three provisional credits demanded by the government.

Italy.

THE CROWN PRINCE'S CONDITION.

SAN REMO, Dec 16.—Doctors Shraders, Krauss and Hovell issued a bulletin yesterday concerning the Crown Prince's throat which says: "For the last few weeks the inflammatory symptoms of the larnyx has entirely dissappeared, the surface of the tumor itself appears to be partly cicatrized and partly covered with flat growths tending to increase. The patient's general condition remains undisturbed."

Denmark.

ARREST OF AN AMERICAN.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—An American, giving the name of Pommery, was arrested in Copenhagen this morning. Mr. Anderson, the American Minister there, thinks the man is John Benson, wanted in San Francisco for land frauds. An American detective has been cabled for to identify him.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Remarkable Courtesy Shown by the President.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Congressmen Collins and McShane called on the President yesterday morning to present to him Sir Thomas H. Grattan Esmonde and Hon. Arthur O'Connor. There was no speech-making on either side. When the visitors arrived the Cabinet was in session, and for a time it seemed as though they would have to wait. Their cards were taken in and Mr. Collins sent with them a note to the President promising not to detain him long. They were shown into the private library and were scarcely seated before the President entered by the door leading to the Cabinet room. He received his visitors very cordially. Mr. Collins introduced them, and an informal conversation ensued. Mr. Collins said that the visit was merely a social one, and had no political significance. He was greatly pleased at the consideration shown by the President in leaving the Cabinet meeting to see the visitors.

The Postmasters' Convention.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The postmasters' convention met at nine o'clock yesterday morning and enlarged the National committee by making it consist of three members from each State instead of one, as heretofore. After some discussion of the proposed bill that will be presented to Congress, the convention took a recess till 4 p. m. The National committee then held a meeting and selected the following officers for the ensuing year: F. W. Williams, of Iowa, chairman; J. C. Brady, of Indiana, and W. C. Scanland, of Illinois, secretaries, and W. F. Kimball, of New Hampshire, treasurer.

At the evening session a committee of five was appointed to present to Congress the draft of the postal bill for increasing their compensation, and to urge its passage. The convention then adjourned sine die.

Practical Reform in the Treasury Department.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Secretary Fairchild has determined to institute a practical reform in the Treasury Department by a reduction in the expense of collecting customs revenues which will go into effect on the first of January next. There are now 139 collection districts in the country, in sixty-four of which the revenues are less than the expenses. He proposes to effect a reduction in expenses, principally by discharges, and also by reductions of salaries and saving of office rent in a great number of offices. The saving to be effected will aggregate about $10,000 yearly.

A Compliment to Senator Kenna.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The Senate committee on commerce yesterday appointed a sub-committee, to whom shall be referred all executive nominations that shall require any investigation. Messrs. Kenna, Vest, Coke, Cullom and Palmer were named as the committee. Senator Kenna was made chairman, which, coming as it did unanimously from the Republican majority, was not only a compliment, but an evidence of their confidence in his fairness and political integrity.

Tendered a Banquet.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Messrs. Esmond and O'Connor, the Irish members of Parliament, were last night tendered a banquet at Chamberlain's by members of the House of Representatives of Irish descent. About fifty members of Congress were present.

Favorably Reported.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The nomination of Secretary Fairchild, Assistant-Secretary Maynard and Treasurer Hyatt have been favorably reported from the Senate finance committee.

THE FIFTIETH CONGRESS.

(First Session.)

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The Senate to-day adopted a resolution to pay six months' salary to the heirs of the late Major Perley Poore, clerk to the Senate Committee on Printing.

Mr. Hoar introduced several bills relating to Alaskan affairs. One of those provides for facilitating settlement, another for encouraging railroad construction and a third for cable connection with Alaska.

The Senate devoted two hours to the discussion of a resolution by Mr. Plumb, requesting the Attorney-General to take steps to annul the patent granted to Professor Swenson for inventions made while in the employment of the Department of Agriculture, and affecting the methods of manufacturing sorghum. The resolution was finally adopted.

On motion of Mr. Harris it was agreed that when the Senate adjourn to-day it be to meet on Monday next.

Mr. Sawyer gave notice that on Monday he would ask the Senate to reconsider the appointment of a special committee on postal telegraphy.

Mr. Stewart secured the floor to address the Senate on the silver question.

Clothes that Fit.

Why don't you wear clothes that fit? Lay aside those slopshop garments that hang on you like they had been pitched at you, go to Veale, "the French cutter from Cork," have your measure taken for a suit, and you will get a fit that will make you feel good until the clothes are worn out. Good fits are guaranteed and the stock of goods he carries is second to none in the city. Store in Ullrich block, 142 E. Prairie St. n26-d1mo

A CHILD can buy at Cheap Charley's as well as any man. d&wtf

GO TO The Spencer & Lehman Co. for Bob Sleds. Nov 9-d&w2m

THE Malleable Iron Hollow Ware made by the Home Comfort Range Co., is quite a curiosity. It is like the Ranges—indestructible. Stop at Morehouse, Wells & Co.'s and see this ware. It cannot be broken. daw

THE Hercules white shirts are the best, and only one dollar. LINN & SCRUGGS. daw

Underwear

For Ladies and Children, a complete assortment, at lowest prices.
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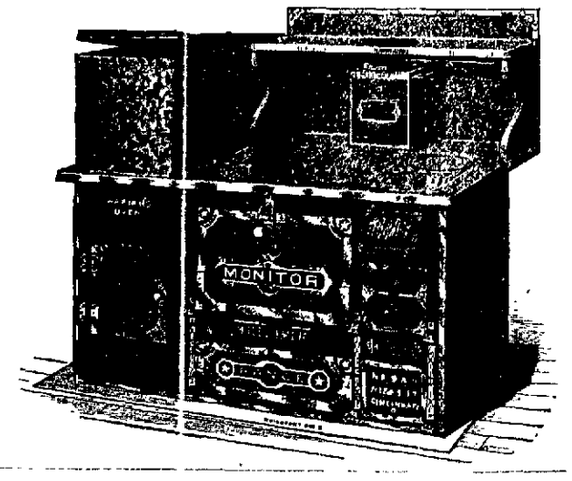

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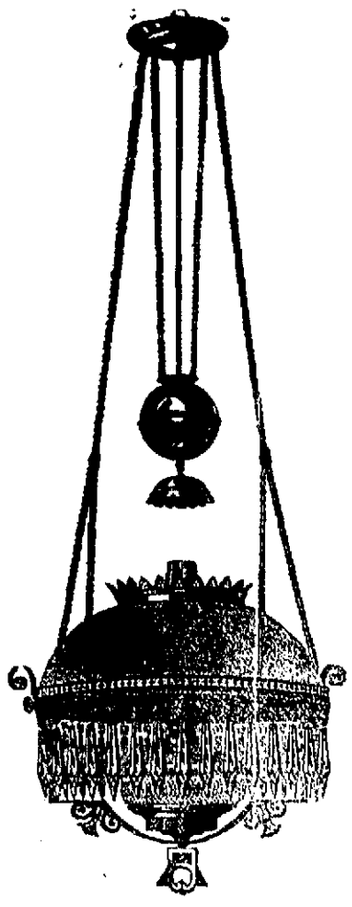

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Meeting of the Convention of Republican Clubs in Chickering Hall.

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The Dakota One-State Convention---A Memorial to Congress Praying Admission to Statehood.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Chickering Hall was crowded with Republican politicians and statesmen at eleven o'clock yesterday morning when Chairman Poole rapped the convention of the Republican clubs to order. Fully fifteen hundred delegates were on hand from all parts of the Union. Among those who occupied seats in the hall were Galusha A. Grow, B. F. Jones, Ex-Governor Foster, Murat Halstead, Senators Evarts, Hiscock, Edmunds, John A. Kasson, of Iowa, Joe Manley, Powell Clayton, Ex-Governor Alger of Michigan, Senator Aldrich and Ex-Governor Wetmore of Rhode Island, John C. New, Ex-Congressman Horr, Steve Elkins, and a number of more or less prominent leaders.

Placards on high poles were posted throughout the hall. On the placards were the names of the different States, indicating the place occupied by each delegation.

At half past eleven the delegates from from every State were in their seats, with the exception of the Ohio delegation. The absence of this delegation caused considerable comment, and significance was apparently attached to the incident. The conclusion generally arrived at was that the Ohio delegation was caucussing up to the last moment. There was much dissatisfaction, it was said, among the delegates, and the belief was that an effort was being made to adjust all differences. Ohio's space in the hall was in the parquette to the left of the stage. New York, from courtesy to the visitors, took the least favorable position. Illinois occupied the most favored position.

After some little delay the Ohio delegates filed into the hall and took the seats assigned to them.

The proceedings were opened by Rev. Dr. R. S. McArthur, of the Calvary Baptist Church of this city, who offered prayer.

Henry Gleason, secretary of the committee on associate organizations, read the call for the convention.

James P. Foster, president of the Republican Club of New York, was introduced and welcomed the delegates.

Mr. Foster concluded his remarks by proposing David J. Ryan, president of the Ohio Republican League, for temporary chairman.

Colonel Showden, of Philadelphia, nominated George Nathan Goff, of West Virginia.

A vote by roll call on the candidates was then ordered. A discussion followed as to how the votes should be taken, and it was resolved to take them by clubs. The States were then called and several of them split. When Ohio was called, forty-nine votes were credited to Ryan.

Mr. A. C. Robinson, of Pittsburgh, challenged Ohio's vote.

The chairman said he would not consider the challenge yet.

When New York was called, the chairman of the delegation said that they could not agree, and the delegates withdrew to decide how they should vote. Finally it was decided to allow each of the clubs of the New York delegation to vote separately. The result was forty-three votes for Ryan and thirty for Goff.

The name of Blaine had not been mentioned until the James G. Blaine Club of the Sixth Assembly district of New York was called for its vote. The mention of the name called forth vigorous and repeated cheers.

Ryan was elected by a vote of 158 to 154, and the election was made unanimous.

Mr. Ryan was then escorted to the chair. He said: "We are here to-day to organize the clubs of the country into a permanent organization. We are here to boom the Republican party, and not any one in it. We are here on a most important business occasion. Believing that we should get down to business at once I will now ask your pleasure."

It was then resolved to appoint vice-presidents from each State. Committees on credentials, rules and order of business, permanent organization and resolutions, to be composed of one member from each State, were also resolved upon, and a recess to allow the clubs to choose their representatives was taken.

The Committees Organize.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The committees appointed by the Republican Clubs convention met at 4 p. m. Senator Chandler, of New Hampshire, was chosen chairman of the committee on rules; G. S. Batchellor, of New York, of credentials; E. H. Cruger, of Michigan, of permanent organization; J. A. Kassop, of Iowa, of resolutions, and James Royle, of Ohio, of the League Clubs organization. The committee on rules adopted rules making a club the unit of organization and in voting.

There was a meeting of delegates to the convention in Cooper Union. James P. Foster called to order. The house was two-thirds full. E. P. Bartlett, of New York, was chairman. He introduced Mr. John P. Lynch, the colored orator of Mississippi, who spoke, declaring that the negro vote in the South was suppressed.

The election of Mr. Ryan as temporary chairman is conceded to be a victory for the Sherman element in the convention.

The Anti-Saloon Republican League.

SYRACUSE, Dec. 16.—The Anti-Saloon Republican League opened its annual meeting at Music Hall at two o'clock yesterday afternoon with a good attendance of members and Republican temperance men. The convention began its session with devotional exercises, and an address of welcome by J. B. Brooks, of this city. E. P. Hill was made chairman and delivered a short address. The secretary's report was then read and the next hour was given up to memorial addresses by L. H. King and Rev. Clark Wright on the late T. W. Conway.

The One State Convention.

ABERDEEN, Dak., Dec. 15.—Many delegates arrived last night to attend the Dakota One-State convention to be held to-day. It is expected that five hundred delegates will be in attendance.

The convention was called to order at 12:20 p. m. by G. L. Johnson. After the reading of the call, prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Lawson. H. C. Preston, of Davidson, was then chosen temporary chairman, and Spaulding, of Cass; Burdick, of Clay; Goddard, of Sioux Falls, and W. R. Kellogg, of Jamestown, secretaries.

Mr. Preston, in taking the chair, made a fine speech. He considered it a great honor to preside over this convention. Delegates are called here for no political purpose, but for the grand movement of admission as one State. He hoped that the action of the convention would be to humbly ask Congress for admission as one State, that he was formerly a Divisionist, and also a Republican; but politics had nothing to do with this meeting. He said the vote cast this fall had nothing to do with this convention. When the Territory was admitted as the thirty-ninth child of the Union, may the Great Goddess of Liberty never blush to count among her jewels the great State of Dakota.

At the conclusion of Mr. Preston's speech a motion to adjourn to two o'clock was defeated. A committee on credentials was appointed. A committee on organization was also appointed.

When the convention was again called to order at 2:30 p. m. the secretary read a letter from Congressman William M. Springer addressed to Hon. L. G. Johnson. After referring to receiving a call for the convention Mr. Springer says: "This is the first concerted movement on the part of the people of Dakota for single Statehood which has come to my knowledge. Heretofore the organized efforts of your people have been in the direction of the division of the Territory, while individuals, certain localities and newspapers in the Territory have opposed such efforts. These contending factions among your own people had the result of preventing any affirmative action whatever by Congress. Some citizens entertained the idea that the question of dividing the Territorry is a purely local matter, one concerning only the people of Dakota. The people of every State in the Union are equally interested in this question." Mr. Springer continued at some length to show why division is out the question. He says he is still, and will be, unalterably opposed to the dismemberment of Dakota, although he heartily favors her admission as a State.

The convention drafted and adopted the following memorial to Congress at the afternoon session;

"TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES: The people of Dakota Territory, assembled in a delegate convention, respectfully represent that they are desirous of the admission of the Territory of Dakota as a State into the Federal Union. We are possessed of the requisite population to entitle Dakota to representation in the House of Representatives in case of admission. We, therefore, earnestly petition for the passage by Congress of an enabling act authorizing the election of delegates to a convention for the purpose of preparing a constitution, Republican in form, to the end that the constitution so framed be submitted to a vote of said people of said Territory at the next general election for ratification, and if ratified that Dakota be admitted as the State of Dakota. Submitted herewith is the proceedings of the convention of the people held at the city of Aberdeen, Dakota, December 15, 1887. To all of which we earnestly invite your attention, and pray for favorable consideration.

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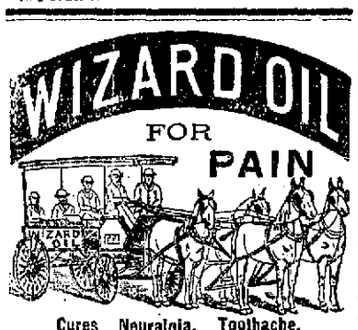

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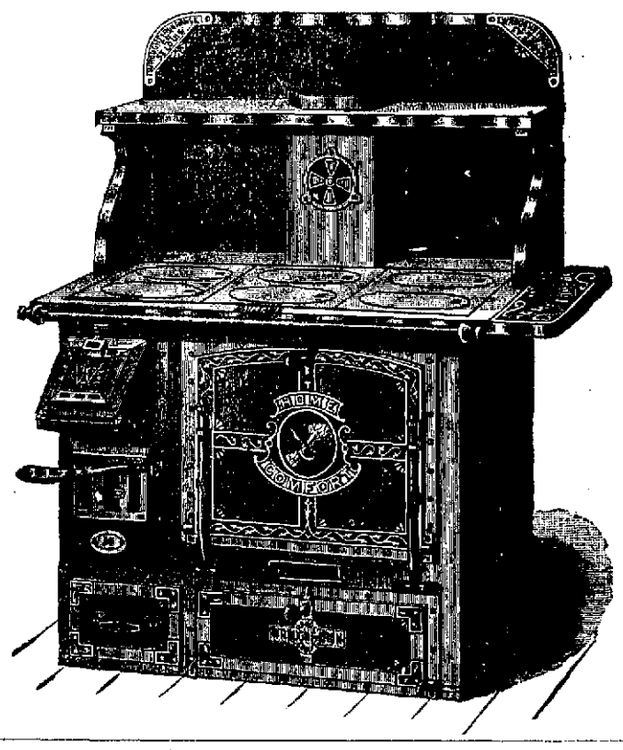

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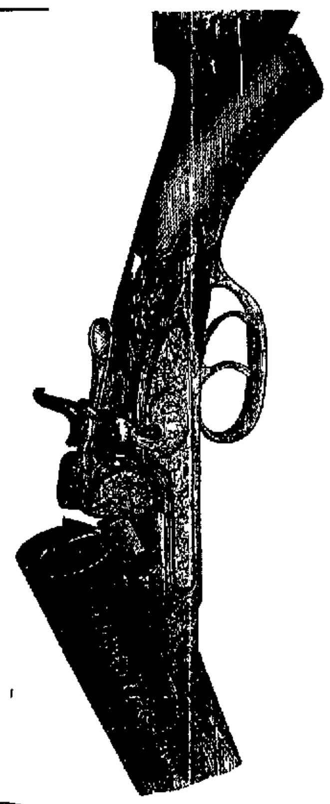

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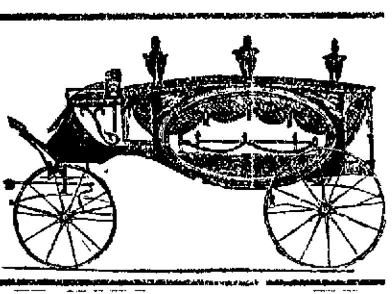

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WILLIAM E. BOUDINOT.

The Man Who First Thought of the Signal Service and His Life.

[Special Correspondence]

RALEIGH, N C, Dec 12.—In the quietest way in the world, and literally in the woods of Chatham county, this state lives William E Boudinot, a man who is the real originator or discoverer of the signal service system Like many a man who has worked out in his brain a great idea, he has received neither credit nor reward for his discovery, and can only, in his declining years almost forgotten, see others reap the honors due him He was born in Chatham county, in 1817, and only a few days ago completed his three score years and ten He had a special fondness for the naval service, and about 1837 joined it, after graduating with distinction at the Naval academy He served with gallantry during the war with Mexico and was mentioned in dispatches. Later he was a member of Commodore Perry's expedition to Japan, being at that time a lieutenant. In 1856 he was on station at Washington, D C, and it was then that he conceived the idea of the signal service He brought it to the attention of the navy department that year, as can be proven by documents on file at Washington, but these were pigeonholed, after the manner in vogue there in that day, and indeed since In 1858 Capt Boudinot left the service to become a rice planter on the Cape Fear river near Wilmington In 1861 he joined the Confederate navy and again became a captain In that service as in that of the United States, he did his duty always The end of the war found him impoverished. He returned in 1868 to Chatham county, and began the quiet life which has never since been interrupted. In 1868 he concluded to make an attempt to revive the signal service idea He wrote the following letter to the New York Chamber of Commerce, under date of Wilmington, N C, March 18, 1868

"Some twelve years ago while I was an officer of the navy, stationed at Washington, the idea occurred to me of making the electric telegraph subserve the mercantile and commercial interests of the country but the matter was not acted upon As the matter is one by which the commercial interests of the country could be so greatly benefited, I have thought it proper to submit the plan to your honorable body knowing that if you indorse it the commercial and political influence of the state of New York will carry it into active operation The proposition which I offer is to establish at Washington what may be termed a meteorological bureau, *to which central point* would be transmitted by the telegraph communications from every collector of customs along our entire coast, giving the state of the weather twice each twenty four hours together with the direction and force of the wind, the state of the barometer and other indications of the condition of the atmosphere, which information should be carefully examined by the superintendent of such signal service at Washington and then be given to all other points on the coast The commanders of vessels would thus be informed of the state of the weather, and if as is frequently the case, a heavy gale may be blowing at Charleston or Savannah twenty four hours before the body of the storm reaches the latitude of New York they may remain quietly in port until the storm passes their latitude and at all the ... of the favorable ... winds which usually succeed ... saving the wear and tear of vessels and the possible danger of ... and ... bound to any southern port to make a quick run to the port of destination The theory of storms suggested by Redfield has been so often verified by nautical men that it may be regarded as a fact that nearly every destructive storm which occurs on our coast has its origin on the southern coast, and the body of the storm has a progressive motion toward the northward, and generally expends itself in the northwest portion of the American continent The barometer invariably indicates the approach of these storms and in the event of this suggestion being acted upon, the central registration at Washington of the barometric range, by careful investigation, would give notice of these gales before any other indication To a practical mind it would seem a plan so easily carried into effect involving so small an expenditure fraught with much benefit to the commercial interests of the country and the saving of many valuable lives, should certainly receive the attention of a great maritime nation, and I therefore submit it to your honorable body without comment"

Capt Boudinot has furnished me with a copy of this letter No notice was taken of the communication The New York Chamber of Commerce, no doubt thought it the visionary scheme of some crank Later Capt Boudinot wrote similar letters to Catesby Jones who had been his classmate at Annapolis, and to other scientific gentlemen at Washington, but they did not then appreciate the value of his ideas and plans It is said, however by people who ought to know that his letters and ... really furnished the foundation upon which the present signal service system has been built As a measure of justice Capt Boudinot its real inventor, should be pensioned or rewarded for such a discovery

By a strange coincidence the room in which Capt Boudinot wrote the letter above quoted afterward became the first quarters of the signal station at *Wilmington* *In a* letter to me, dated Oct 17 1887 that venerable man says This day I complete my three score years and ten and have therefore lost all desire for celebrity, or the honor which my connection with the signal service may reflect upon me personally In regard to its benefits I have long since abandoned all idea of receiving any pecuniary reward My hope originally, having known its conception was that Catesby Jones be placed in charge of the bureau if established by the government Jones being an intimate personal friend, with whom I had been for ten years associated in the naval service Perhaps all is for the best The country is deriving the benefit of the conception and it is immaterial who originated the plan."

Thus it will be seen that Capt. Boudinot adds modesty to his other merits Yet he must feel the neglect of which he is the victim. He is of unusual scientific attainments, and his conversations on such subjects are always delightful as are also his reminiscences of bygone days in the old navy Locally he is known as "Commodore." He had a wide acquaintance in the old service and many a grizzled officer, active or retired, will recall ... who for many years has ... out of sight ... lost ...

Capt Boudinot ... copies ... first letters ... of the service but the one written in 1868 is practically a reproduction of the ideas and plans suggested in those of 18..

F A OLDS

An Interesting Plant

The Chinese narcissus can be grown in the house in earth sand, moss or water A way of growing it which is quite interesting is to take a dish four or five inches deep and put some small stones into it; on these stones set the bulbs and pour in water enough to reach the bottom of them. Do not set away in the dark, as is recommended for most other bulbs. In a few days they will begin to grow and will flower in six or eight weeks.

JOHN ZELLAR,

NEW

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No. 229 N. Water Street.

I have fitted up my place of business with new fixtures and have the most Elegant Meat Market in Decatur where will be constantly kept on hand

Fresh and Cured Meats

of all kinds including

Beef, Pork and Mutton,
Smoked Bacon, Hams and
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Pig's Feet, Tripe, Lard, &c

☞ Give me a call.

JOHN ZELLAR,

nov26-d1m

COMMENCING November 1st, 1887, the I. C. R. R. will sell 2,000 mile tickets at $40 00. These tickets will be limited to one year from date of issue. Unused portions will be redeemed after deducting 2 cents per mile for the portion used

T. N LEAVITT, of Maroa, has been appointed agent for the Pierce Well Augur for Macon and adjoining counties The Pierce Augur was the one used at Decatur and Maroa. n17 dawtf

Newmarkets,

Plain Stripes and Plaids, for ladies and misses, beautiful styles.

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Chancery Notice.

STATE OF ILLINOIS } ss
MACON COUNTY }

In the Circuit Court of said County To the January Term A D 1888

John K Warren ... Administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Emmy B Durfee deceased ... Nellie Durfee Frank Durfee ... and Fred J Durfee defendants Petition ... leave to make deed

Public notice is hereby given to the above named Harry B Durfee ... Frank Durfee that the above named petitioner John K Warren, as Administrator with the will annexed, of the estate of ... Durfee deceased has ... filed his petition ... in the above entitled cause and ... of the statute ... said ... in this Court on the Chancery side thereof ... against you and the other defendants ... above named, for leave to convey ... Mills the assignee of John Zeller lot ... in block four (4) of Durfee & King's Addition to the City of Decatur that a summons ... issued thereon against you returnable on the first day of the next term ... at the Court House in the city ... Illinois and commencing on the second Monday of January A D 1888 when ... said cause is now pending

E M CLELLAN
Clerk of Said Court

CREA & EWING Solicitors nov23 d4w

Master in Chancery's Sale

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss
MACON COUNTY }

In Circuit Court of Macon County—In Chancery To June Term A D 1887

Joseph Mills Surviving Partner &c, vs James Jackson, et al Mechanic's Lein No 12,706

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree entered at the June Term, A D 1887 by the said Court in the above entitled cause, I John A Brown Master in Chancery of said Macon County Illinois, will at the hour of two o clock in the afternoon on

Saturday, the 31st day of December, A D 1887,

at the west outside door of the Court House in Decatur in said Macon county sell at public vendue to the highest and best bidder, the following described real estate lying and being in the county of Macon State of Illinois to wit Lot eleven (11) in block three (3) of B H Cassell's 6th Addition to the City of Decatur Ill

TERMS OF SALE —Cash subject to redemption as by law required

Dated at Decatur Illinois this 10th day of December A D 1887

JOHN A BROWN,
Master in Chancery of Macon County Illinois

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Master in Chancery's Sale

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss
MACON COUNTY }

In Circuit Court of Macon County In Chancery To September Term A D 1887

James M ... ex parte Petition No 12,951

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree entered at the September Term, A D 1887 by the said Court in the above entitled cause I John A Brown, Master in Chancery of said Macon County Illinois will at the hour of two o clock in the afternoon on

Monday, the 26th day of December, A D 1887,

at the west outside door of the Court House in the city of Decatur in said Macon county sell at public vendue to the highest and best bidder the following described real estate lying and being in the county of Macon state of Illinois to wit: The southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 9 ... at $1800 ... the west ten ... the south half of the southwest quarter of ... section ... northeast quarter of section fifteen (15) ... the southeast quarter ... said section fifteen (15) appraised at $... all in township ... east of the third principal meridian

TERMS OF SALE One half cash in hand balance in one year purchaser to give his note secured by mortgage on land purchased together with personal security said notes to draw 7 per cent interest per annum ... deferred payment can be paid if desired, said sale will be made without redemption and deed will be made on the approval of sale by court

Dated at Decatur Illinois this 28th day of November A D 1887

JOHN A BROWN,
Master in Chancery of Macon Co Ill

OUTTEN & VAIL Solicitors for Complainants n28d4w

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS } ss
MACON COUNTY }

In Circuit Court of Macon County In Chancery To September Term A D 1887 ... 303

... Foreclosure

... by virtue of a decree ... at the September Term A D 1887 ... above entitled cause I John A Brown Master in Chancery of ... Macon county Illinois will at the hour of two o clock in the afternoon on

Monday, the 26th Day of December, A D 1887,

at the west outside door of the Court House in Decatur in said Macon county sell at public vendue to the highest and best bidder the following described real estate lying and being in the county of Macon state of Illinois, to wit Lot one (1) and the north half of lot four (4), all in block five (5) in Read & Co's Addition to the City of Decatur

TERMS OF SALE Cash subject to redemption

Dated at Decatur Illinois this 26th day of November A D 1887

JOHN A BROWN
Master in Chancery of Macon county Ill

OUTTEN & VAIL Complainants Solicitors nov26 d30d

Master in Chancery's Sale

STATE OF ILLINOIS } ss
MACON COUNTY }

In Circuit Court of Macon County In Chancery To September Term, A D 1887

Edwin G Allen vs Elizabeth Mueller et al—Foreclosure No 12...

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree entered at the September Term A D 1887, by the said court, in the above entitled cause, I John A Brown Master in Chancery for said Macon county, Illinois will at the hour of two o clock in the afternoon on

Friday, the 6th day of January, A D 1888,

at the west door of the Court House in the city of Decatur in said Macon county sell at public vendue to the highest and best bidder, the following described real estate, lying and being in the county of Macon, state of Illinois, to wit Lot one (1) of the east half of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section twenty three (23) in township sixteen (16), North Range two (2) east of the 3d P M containing two and one half acres more or less

TERMS OF SALE—Cash subject to redemption

Dated at Decatur Illinois this 8th day of December, A D 1887

JOHN A BROWN,
Master in Chancery of Macon county Ill

MILLS ... Complainant's Solicitors Dec8-3w

Master in Chancery's Sale

STATE OF ILLINOIS } ss
MACON COUNTY }

In Circuit Court of Macon County—In Chancery To September Term, A D 1887

Thomas L Evans County Superintendent, &c, vs. Charles C Ford et al—Foreclosure No 12,338

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree entered at the September Term A D 1887 by the said Court in the above entitled cause I John A Brown, Master in Chancery of said Macon County Illinois, will at the hour of two o clock in the afternoon on

Saturday, the 24th Day of December, A. D. 1887,

at the west outside door of the Court House in Decatur, in said Macon County, sell at public vendue to the highest and best bidder, the following described real estate, lying and being in the county of Macon and state of Illinois to wit Lot three (3) in Block four (4) in the Village of Niantic

TERMS OF SALE —Cash, subject to redemption

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 19th day of November A D 1887

JOHN A BROWN,
Master in Chancery of Macon County, Illinois

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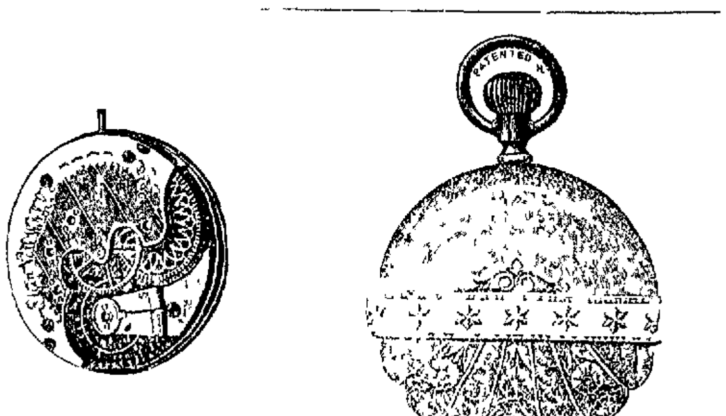

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Nov 25-d1m

Warrensburg Whispers.

The W C T. U. society will give a basket festival in White's opera house Monday evening, January the 2d. Come, everybody, and encourage the noble women in their work of temperance by your presence

Rev Cunningham is holding quite a successful revival meeting at Latham, Ill

I understand that Mrs Woodworth, who is holding a meeting at Hannibal, Mo., will commence a meeting here soon at the Church of God chapel

Last Saturday was quite a gala-day for Warrensburg One of the leading events of the day was a foot-race between our old time friend, W R Boughn, of Randolph, Neb, and our honored citizen, C H Faith They ran fifty yards on our paved streets Nebraska came out ahead

Messrs George Boughn, W R Boughn, Geo Culp, Ed Roberts, Prof John Willard, and Misses Fannie Miller, Lila and Clara Black and Minnie Ritchie paid Decatur a visit Saturday

I understand that our town well has reached a depth of 130 feet with 65 feet of water in it Good Three cheers for our town board

The M E Sunday school will give an entertainment and a treat to the children Christmas eve Come, everybody Admission free

Miss Ruth Albert, who has been quite sick with measles, is convalescent

The members of the I O G T. lodge will give a play in White's opera house in the near future, entitled "The Social Glass Look for the date and come and hear it

Quite a number of our young people are going to attend the show at Forsyth Friday evening

J N Keefer, our furniture man, has been off to the city and purchased a fine assortment of wall paper, ceiling decorations, decorated window shades, also plain Hollands nice lot of reed, cane and child's rockers, just the thing for a Christmas present Call and see him while in the city

If you want to send your friend a Christmas present that will make him happy for a year subscribe for the REPUBLICAN, the best and most newsy family paper published in Decatur

Ed White still takes the lead in good goods and low prices It will surely make you money by trading at the popular White Front A fine assortment of Christmas presents

I F Barton our much esteemed friend, has started a grocery store in the Binkley building It is the cheapest place in town, all new goods and of best quality Visit Mr Barton while in the city and learn his prices It will pay you big

Mrs Clara M Ritchie will give an entertainment at Ed White's opera house on Saturday evening, December 24th She will treat all the children that come An admission fee of ten cents will be charged at the door to help pay expenses She has been training quite a number of the children for that night and we bespeak for her a full house Come out and encourage the children by your presence

Where are you going Christmas?

Miss Mabel Fuquay will clerk for I F Barton

DOCKIE

A Christmas Entertainment.

Mrs. C. M Ritchie, of Warrensburg, has instructed about 70 children, and will give a beautiful Cantata, entitled "Waiting for Santa Claus," at White's Opera House in Warrensburg, on Christmas Eve, at which time Santa Claus will sail in in a boat with a bountiful supply of candies, nuts and fruits, for all children present, whether Sunday School scholars or not, whether rich or poor, and give all a Merry Christmas A small admittance fee will be charged, to be used toward these expenses Parents and friends desiring to make their children presents should leave them at White's opera house during Saturday, Dec 24

THERE is no denying the fact that Dr. Jones' Red Clover Tonic is the most successful blood purifier ever put on the market Its wonderful cures in all stomach, kidney and liver troubles has brought out many imitations It restores debilitated nerve tissues, restoring the force lost by sickness, mental work or the excessive use of liquor, opium and tobacco. Dr A J Stoner will supply the genuine at 50 cents a bottle 3b

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Made by Scott & Holderman, of Bethany Ill This flour contains all the higher qualities of the wheat, thereby making a whiter and more nutritious bread than is made of flour manufactured in the usual way where several grades are made, one at the expense of the other. For sale by D. H Heilman & Son, Lehman & Bolen, Moore Bros and J Lytle & Co

n15-d1m

ST PHILIP was hanged up against a pillar at Hierapolis a city of Phrygia

Renews Her Youth.

Mrs Phebe Chesley, Peterson, Clay co., Iowa, tells the following remarkable story, the truth of which is vouched for by the residents of the town "I am 73 years old, have been troubled with kidney complaint and lameness for many years, could not dress myself without help Now I am relieved from all pain and soreness, and am enabled to do all my own house work I owe my thanks to Electric Bitters for having renewed my youth, and removed completely all disease and pain" Try a bottle, only 50c, at John A Swearingen's Drug Store 4

NOVELTIES in Ladies' Felt Hats, at B SPINE'S dtf

ST THOMAS was run through the body with a lance at Caromandel, in the East Indies

Syrup of Figs

Is the delightful laxative, and the only true remedy for habitual constipation and the many ills depending on a weak or inactive condition of the kidneys, liver and bowels It is a pleasant remedy to take, both to old and young; it is gentle in its action and effective, it is acceptable to the stomach, and strengthens the organs on which it acts. Manufactured only by the California Fig Syrup Co, San Francisco. For sale in 50 cents and $1.00 bottles by Dr. A. J. Stoner, Decatur, Ill.

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Pumps of every description. Iron force and lift pumps and wood pumps for deep and shallow wells and cisterns. Chain pumps, pitcher spout pumps, tank pumps, purifying pumps, drive well pumps. Special pumps manufactured to order for any purpose. All pumps warranted. Pump repairing a specialty.

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Two physicians, of Morris, Ill., told E. W. Huell that he was beyond the help of medicine or medical skill from seated lung disease contracted in a cold rain. Was induced to try Dr. Bigelow's Cough Cure two bottles of which completed a cure. Over a year has elapsed and he is in excellent health, doing hard work on his farm. Dr. Bigelow's Positive Cure is the only known consumption cure. Sold by Dr. A J. Stoner in fifty cent and dollar bottles Get the genuine Pleasant for children. 3b

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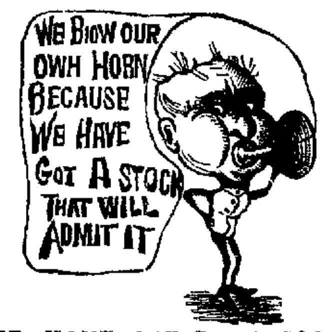

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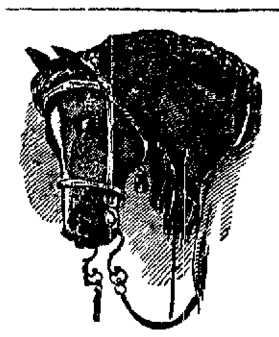

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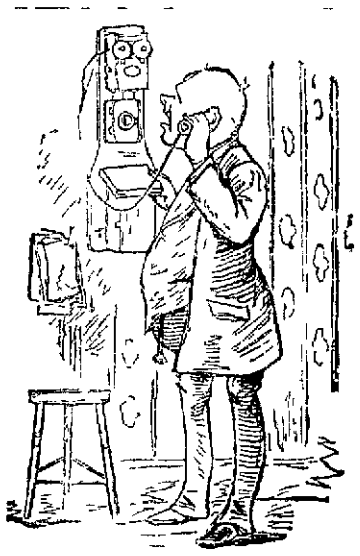

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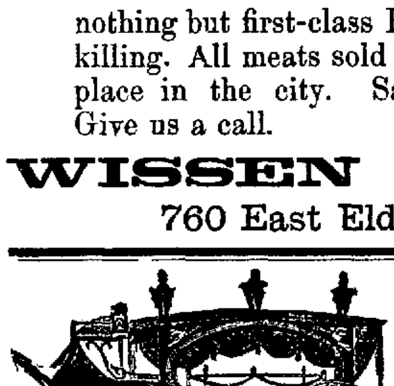

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Dec 7-d3w

LOCAL NEWS.

CHARLES DICKENS December 19.

GET ready to "swear off" again.

NO MORE school for two weeks.

READ Cheap Charley's adv't. d&wtf

THE pension papers of J. H. Woodworth, of Decatur, have been re-issued.

BUY fancy articles at the Presbyterian Bazar at the tabernacle this evening.

MRS. J. M. FALCONER died yesterday at Dalton City. She had been ill a year.

THE Chemical engine, broken down last Sunday, has been repaired and is again ready for service.

SHERIFF MILLER, of Monticello, came over to-day for Ben Hunter, who is wanted for general deviltry at La Place.

SKIP by the Light of the Moon to the opera house to-night and see the "funniest" play of modern times.

THE supervisors are said to look with fav or on the park proposition.

DON'T forget Lytle & Eckels, hardware dealers, for reliable heating and cooking stoves.

HAVE you seen the Imboden Christmas beeves at the wagon yard, corner Wood and Water streets?

IF you leave an order at Hanks & Patterson's grocery store for holiday turkeys, it will be filled promptly.

SEE the tropical booth at the tabernacle to-night.

SOMEBODY lost a day's washing last night off a clothes line. Marshal Mason can give the owner of the missing clothes important information.

THE North Water street grocers, Knode & Osborne, carry a full line of desirable supplies for the table.

A NUMBER of the supervisors saw and admired "Fedora" last night. One had an opera glass and he froze to it.

THE county board appointed a committee of six to confer with the city about the proposed public park. A report will not be submitted until the regular March meeting.

INMAN & LAWRENCE, at their restaurant, south side Lincoln Square, serve lunch, oysters and regular meals at low prices. No better place in town. Restaurant open all night. dec16-d&wtf

SKIP and see the fun at the opera house to-night.

SHELLABARGER'S White Loaf is the flour you want. All grocers sell it.

AT last the county has settled with the Decatur highway commissioners by forking over $3,312.50 for the Wikoff bridge. The warrant is made payable to C. M. Caldwell, treasurer. The decision of the courts settled the long-contended question.

EAT, drink and be merry, at the Tropical Booth at the Presbyterian bazar tonight.

SELECT Christmas turkeys and oysters at J. Lytle & Co.'s family store, in opera block.

LAST night the police arrested a young man and woman, found in a compromising attitude on the third floor of a building on Water street. They put up $25 each and were put out of the room. They are to appear for trial or forfeit the cash.

THE Moore Bros. make it a point to deliver all orders for family groceries promptly. Their store is in opera block.

SEE Lehman & Bolen, at 150 Merchant street, for fresh oysters, fruits and groceries.

IT'S going to snow long and deep. Remember that you can get a stylish cutter at D. F. Hamsher's place on Wood street.

FILL up the bin for cold weather. Place your orders now with W. H. Shorb. His telephone number is 55.

TELEPHONE regularly to Niedermeyer's Mound grocery store for table supplies.

EVERYTHING in the way of Holiday Stock now in readiness at the City Book Store. Don't delay if you wish to avoid the crowd. J. H. Bevens. d14d6w1

CHEAP CHARLEY can and will save you money on anything you buy of him. d&wtf

THE ladies of the Macedonia Baptist church, on South Broadway, are preparing to give a sociable next Thursday evening, Dec. 15, for the benefit of the church. 8-dtd

THE force of photographers at Piper's gallery is larger than ever so that work can be finished much nearer to Christmas than heretofore. Come while the weather is bad so as to give a chance to finish when the sun shines. 10d1w

The Stapp's Chapel Revival.

The Rev. W. S. Potter, Evangelist, preached to a well filled house last evening on the words found in the fifth verse of the third chapter of Joshua, where the Israelites after a forty year's journey in the wilderness came to the most critical period in their history. Here was the promised land with its inviting fields, its vineyards and orchards before them, the bleak and barren desert in the rear, while Jordan, dark and turbid, rolled between. So to every soul there is a Jordan, to every soul there is a sovereign hour when a decision must be made. Every life has its crises of greater or less magnitude. There is some contingency or crucial test to be met. It was a momentous hour for Israel but as the feet of the Priests touched the water Jordan was parted, the host passed over, and the crisis was met. To some this Jordan is their unbelief, to others it is the Altar, to others, through the fear of death are all their life long subject to bondage. When the decision is made to come to Christ the crisis is met and God removes the great barrier. At the close of the service, one or two professed conversion, two joined the church, while others were still seeking the light. Services at 2.30 and 7.00 P. M.

CLARK A. HEDGES, the grocer on North Church street, will soon go out of the business. He has disposed of his stock of groceries to Mr. Proctor, who resides near Macon. Stickle & Kizer are the proprietors of the meat market adjoining the store.

THE Presbyterian ladies at the tabernacle to-day served a fine dinner to a large number of Decatur people, who were glad of the opportunity offered to get one good square meal and help swell the new church fund. Supper will be served this evening at 5 o'clock. Visit the bazar this evening.

THE Imboden Bros. have received the following letter from Charles F. Mills, Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture: "Your kind invitation to visit and and examine your Christmas cattle received. You have a grand lot of cattle for your holiday trade, and if possible will make you a visit. I am quite anxious to see how "Dot" will show upon the block. You will doubtless have the finest lot of carcases on exhibition that have ever been displayed together in any shop in the state. Your enterprise, will, I trust, be rewarded by a generous public." Doubtless, Hon. Lafayette Funk of Bloomington and a representative of the *Breeder's Gazette* of Chicago, will be here to-morrow to witness the parade. F. C. Ponting, the noted stock man is now in the city. He has twelve splendid Herefords in the herd, sired by his bull "Anxiety Third," known to be the best bull in the United States. Mr. Ponting says there never was as fine a lot of Christmas cattle in one lot ever shown in this country than will be exhibited by the Imboden Bros.

Election of Officers.

The following officers of Beaumanoir Commandery No. 9, Knights Templar, were elected last night at the meeting held in Masonic Temple:

E. C.—W. H. Starr.
G.—W. H. Acuff.
C. G.—G. S. Durfee.
P.—T. W. Pinkerton.
S. W.—I. R. Mills.
J. W.—M. Johnson.
Treasurer—Wm. Boyd.
Recorder—N. L. Krone
St'd B.—A. C. Waterhouse
Sw'd B.—S. D. May.
W.—C. M. Imboden.
C. G'd—R. Green.
First G.—F. M. Gaddis.
Second G.—J. B. Bullard.
Third G.—T. A. Bone.
Trustees—W. B. Chambers, G. W. Bright, F. M. Young, J. N. Baker and P. Loeb.

Open Evenings for the Holidays.

From the 15th until after the holidays we will keep open until 9 o'clock. We will give special bargains on all goods sold for holiday trade, and have just received a new invoice of the choicest late winter Millinery goods from New York. All trimmed goods to be sold at greatly reduced prices. MRS. K. EINSTEIN,
15d5w 110 North Water Street.

THE attractions of the Christmas number of *The American Magazine* have compelled the printing of a second addition to supply mail orders.

REGULAR meeting of the city council next Monday night. The light committee will have something to say about the Jenney company and the 100 horse power engine they should give us.

You will like Hatfield & Co.'s White Foam flour. Buy it.

THE county board has adjourned for the term. The members didn't care to submit the court house matter to a vote of the people. They leave that question to the new board. What will the new members do?

Ottomans and Blacking Cases.

Bachman Bros. have just received a fine line of Ottomans and Blacking Cases, which they offer at 50c, 75c, $1.00 and upwards. d14d10t

Open Evenings Until After the Holidays.

In order to make it interesting for our customers and to increase trade, we will have special cheap sales every evening until further notice. Special low prices on Silk Handkerchiefs, Linen Handkerchiefs, Mufflers, Ties, Silk and Wool Mittens, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings of this week. We will not quote prices, but will make a reduction of fully 25 per cent. on all goods sold for spot cash. Come and see if we don't more than fill the bill.

S. G. HATCH & BRO.,
143 East Main street, Powers' Block.
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CHARLES DICKENS will read David Copperfield and Bob Sawyer's party at the opera house December 19. Prices—50c, 75c and $1.00. Reserved seats at Prescott's music house December 19.
12-d4

THE PUBLIC PARK QUESTION

Discussed Before the County Board —Election of County Physician, Steward and Janitor.

Action on Reports of County Officers.

REFERRED TO A COMMITTEE.

The first thing considered by the county board at the session yesterday afternoon was the public park question, brought up by the Decatur city council asking the transfer of the fair grounds to the city to be converted into a public pleasure ground for the free use of city and country people. Mayor Kanan, City Attorney Mills, Ald. Muzzy, Harwood and Shoemaker, Hon. C. A. Ewing, A. T. Davis, R. T. Davis, J. N. Randall, John Lindsay, Col. Dow, A. J. Smith and others were present, when Attorney Mills on behalf of the city asked for the use of the fair grounds for a park, the same to be kept up by the city. He was followed by Ald. Muzzy and C. A. Ewing, who spoke in glowing terms of the advantages and necessity of a public park, such as contemplated. Dr. Randall and John Lindsay spoke against the proposition. Mr. Muzzy in his feeling answer to Dr. Randall's sarcastic remarks became quite pointed in his measure of ridicule. Mr. Ewing made brief allusion to the kickers by describing them as obstructionists. After the discussion had ceased Supervisor Hill offered a motion that the question be referred to a special committee to report at the meeting to be held next spring. The chairman appointed A. T. Hill, Geo. S. Durfee, J. W. Brown, Jacob Hanes and H. Manecke. On motion Chairman Woodcock was added. The committee will confer with the city council and endeavor to reach an agreement.

The committee on fees and salaries reported that they had examined the circuit clerk's report for the half year ending November 30th, and found the same correct, and recommended that the $264.45 remaining in his hands be paid into the treasury. The report showed the earnings for the six months to be $3,135.45; total receipts, $2,457.95; total expenditures, $2,201.80. The report was approved. It was ordered that a competent person be engaged to index the files of recorded plats in the circuit clerk's office.

ELECTIONS TO-DAY.

The applicants for court house janitor were Charles E. Bobb, Harry Midkiff, Ed. Flynn, Robert Blue, Juan Dunbar and Joseph Welty. On the ballot Dunbar got 11 votes, and Midkiff nine votes. Mr. Dunbar was declared elected. He comes from Friends Creek township and is a single man.

William J. Magee was elected steward of the county poor farm without opposition.

The applicants for county physician were Drs. Drury, Roe, Meyers and Heil. On the informal ballot Drury received 7 votes, Roe 6, Meyers 5, Heil 2. The formal vote was, Drury 7, Roe 10, Meyers 3. No applicant having received a majority of the votes cast, another ballot was ordered, which resulted as follows: Roe 12, Drury 6, Meyers 2. Dr. Roe was declared elected county physician.

REPORTS.

The finance committee reported that they had examined the statement of Treasurer Steele and found it correct, the committee having destroyed vouchers for $9,339, monies paid out for county purposes during September, October and November. The statement shows for the year ending Nov. 30, '87: Balance in treasury, Sept. 1, $30,645.08; amount received, $1,612.94; total, $32,258.02; am't paid out, $9,434.40; balance on hand November 30, $22,823.62. Report received and placed on file.

It was ordered that steps be taken to secure $50 from the master in chancery allowed Frank Nelson, a pauper, now at the poor farm. The master has the money, but cannot pay it over until authorized to do so by the court.

The voluminous report of the fees and salaries committees, to whom was referred the semi-annual report of Sheriff Manzy, was read and adopted. The committee recommended that the sheriff be paid $356.08, in full settlement of his accounts for salary for the year ending November 30, 1887, and of jail account to December 13, 1887. In his statement the sheriff claims a larger balance due him, aggregating about $900. Possibly the dispute will have to be settled in court, though the sheriff and board may come to an agreement.

Knocked Down

And almost senseless at the Low Prices that Peake & Son have placed on their Watches, Clocks and Jewelry. They will sell you anything in their line cheaper than any jewelry house in Decatur. Call and see J. L. PEAKE & SON.
14-d6

FURNITURE cheaper than ever. Bedroom Sets, Parlor Sets, and everything in the Furniture line, which I will close out and quit the furniture business. Come and see me if you need anything. I know I can sell it to you. Don't miss the place—259 East Main street; sign, big red chair. FRED BUTZIEN.
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Music! Music!

I have a fine collection of Christmas music and small musical instruments of all styles and prices, and the best pianos and organs sold in Decatur. Don't buy till you examine my stock.
n26-daw3w S. M. LUTZ.

FINE Jersey Coats at A. F. Ross', 147 N. Water St. dec1-d1m

QUAIL, Pheasant and Grouse at Krebs'. d3-dtf

Saloons Closed Up.

Brief mention was made last evening of the victory of the prohibition board at Blue Mound in this county, which has been shewd in its action. Last year the town went for saloons, but last spring the people voted by a big majority to close up the places. The outgoing whisky board, however, voted to grant license to three saloon-keepers for a year beyond the time they went out of office, which act greatly incensed the prohibitionists and embarrassed the new board, who have been powerless to close the places until this month. It was a strange case—a no-license town having saloons. Whisky being the cause of the murder of William Gross by Wesley Westbrook, at that place last August, the board, to accomplish their purpose, watched their opportunity and systematically had each saloon keeper arrested and fined for violating the local ordinance. Every man has been convicted, and under the ordinance each license was revoked for cause. In this way the business was wiped out. One saloon keeper has 140 counts against him in the county court. He was fined by the village magistrate $160 and costs for violations. The temperance people are rejoicing over the victory.

HARRY MIDKIFF desires to state that his application for court house janitor that was before the Board of Supervisors to-day was unauthorized by him. He positively refused to become an applicant unless the salary was raised to $700. It is now $600.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. Cora Race, of Chicago, is in the city visiting relatives.

Albert Barnes, who has been confined to his bed for several days by illness, is on duty to-day at the abstract office.

Col. D. J. Block has been elected commander of the Wendall G. A. R. Post at Springfield.

Miss Melissa Burkey, who has been visiting George Hunsley and family, has gone to LaMar, Mo.

Miss Lottie Gaston and Prof. R. E. Selby, of the Cerro Gordo public schools, will be married on Dec. 28th.

Mrs. E. Ticknor, who sold her 237-acre farm near Illiopolis, will make her home in Decatur. The land sold at $67.50 per acre.

Editor J. W. Crane, of the Monwequa *Mail*, paid Decatur a flying trip last evening. The *Mail* is booming with holiday ads.

James Bristow is seriously ill at the Murphy boarding house, on East North street. He has had several hemorrhages this week.

Sam Jones is not filling any of his lecture engagements. At present his wife is in a dying condition in Georgia and Sam is at her side.

Bloomington *Pantagraph*: Mr. Chas Thatcher, of Decatur, is in town visiting his friend, Mr. W. A. Vanleer, who recently moved here from Maroa. Both of these gentlemen are natives of Chester county, Pa.

Annie Oakley, the crack lady shot, has banked £2,000 while with the Buffalo Bill combination in England. The lady has now severed her connection with the Wild West and is giving exhibitions in the old country under the management of her husband, Frank Butler.

Commissioner Rogers was in Chicago yesterday attending the meeting of the state board of Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners. He states that the reduction of the state schedule freight rates will range from 15 to 30 per cent. Several railroads have already cut the rate to this extent.

Melbourne McDowell, the talented leading man for Fanny Davenport, who made a fine impression last night, made his first appearance in Decatur six years ago as leading man, at $30 per week, for Grace Cartland, now Grace Hawthorne, who is at present playing a successful engagement in London. Mr. McDowell was readily recognized by many old friends, who were pleased to know that he has risen to his present exalted position, $175 a week.

ROBERT TAYLOR of Niantic, a Mexican war veteran, has been granted a pension.

DEHAVEN, the decorator, is now prepared to furnish the fall styles of Wall Paper, in all grades, at prices lower than ever. Address or call at 535 West Eldorado street. septl4d&w

Notice.

Having received an anonymous letter, purporting to have been written by a woman, threatening to kill me unless I married her, I desire to hereby inform the man that wrote it that if he undertakes to injure me I will defend myself.
13-d&w1w* WILLIAM E. BUNDY.

Fanny's "Fedora."

A large and stylishly dressed audience was at the opera house last night to greet one of America's famous actresses, Fannie Davenport, in her great role of "Fedora," in which this talented lady has amassed a fortune. So great has been her success that she can well afford to display the wealth of brilliant and costly diamonds, rubies and emeralds, worn in the first two acts, together with the model costumes that were made by Worth in Paris. A column or more might be written on the play in commendation of Miss Davenport's ability as tragic and emotional actress, and of her even and excellent support. In all situations was the gifted lady equal to the exacting role, gay, dissembling and full of dramatic fire. When she discovered the awful mistake she had made in wrecking the life of *Loris*, her state of mind bordered on the hysterical in pleading for the pardon of the woman who had done the wrong. It was then that the audience was made to forget the actress and think only of the scene and how it would terminate. Decatur has seen many fine actresses, but none, we believe, who can approach Miss Davenport in her faultless work of last night. So pleased was the audience that the curtain was twice rung up to applaud the lady. In the last act the lady displayed her greatest versatility and power, and when she fell off the lounge and rolled over on the floor to die the full sympathy of the audience went forth to the unfortunate *Fedora*. The stage settings were beautiful, and the support of Mr. McDowell, the leading man, was excellent throughout. He was dignified, loving and passionate, and divided the honors with Miss Davenport. Miss Berrold, as the *Countess*, a woman tired of life, filled her role splendidly.

The play has a strong plot. The dramatized version may be briefly told as follows: *Fedora* is a Russian princess, whose husband is mysteriously murdered, supposedly by Nihilists, and Louis Spanoff is suspected of the crime. He flees, and Fedora follows him to Paris, determined to detect him and be revenged. Loris falls desperately in love with her and confesses that he killed her husband, but before he has a chance to explain Fedora writes a letter to the chief of police denouncing him and accusing his brother of being his accomplice. To betray him to arrest she invites him to her house at night and has officers stationed near. He then explains that he killed her husband because he discovered him carrying on an intrigue with his own unfaithful wife. Fedora then learns that she herself loves Loris, and she bitterly regrets having denounced him. She saves him from the ambuscade she herself had prepared for him by retaining him in the house all night, and afterwards he succeeds in obtaining pardon from the Czar. Meanwhile his brother has been arrested and imprisoned and been drowned in his cell by the rising of the river, which flows into it. When Loris learns of his brother's fate, and that a woman, name not reported to him, had denounced him, he is furious and vows vengeance upon her. Fedora, overwhelmed with agony, confesses that she is the woman, and Loris attempts to kill her. Then she poisons herself, and Loris relents, but too late, for Fedora soon expires in his presence.

PRESBYTERIAN BAZAR at the tabernacle to-night.

Friends Creek Nursery.

S. Boneham, proprietor, will have Christmas trees and stock the coming spring at the old stand, east side New Square, adjoining stone yard. Leave orders with John Pasold. dec14-d&2w

Beautiful Shawls.

In Fall and Winter weights, extremely handsome, and at low prices.
d&w LINN & SCRUGGS.

Coal! Coal!

Varieties of Hard and Soft Coal at E. L. Martin's North Main Street Yard. Telephone No. 433. Order by telephone at Scureman's drug store, opposite postoffice. n30-dtf

GOLD-HEADED Silk Umbrellas, the finest in the market, at B. Stine's. dtf

ELEGANTLY mounted Glace Photographic copies of Guido's Mater Dolorosa, Murillo's Magdalen and other celebrated paintings at the City Book Store. J. H. Bevens. d14d6w1

E. L. MARTIN can supply you with all kinds of Hard and Soft Coal by the ton or carload as cheap as any place in the city. n30-dtf

Children's Cloaks,

A large assortment, in handsome styles and cheap, at LINN & SCRUGGS.
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DAY BOARD $3.00 per week at Combs' Court House Restaurant—the best place in the city to board. Meals at all hours. No. 139 South Water St. n25 dtf

SAMUEL WEAVER,

The Sweepstakes Calf over all breeds at the late Chicago Fat Stock Show, bred and fed by Tom C. Ponting; also the wonderful yearling Polled Angus steer, "DOT," with eight others, embracing Hereford, Short Horn, Polled Angus, Sussex and Devon cattle, which we intend slaughtering for our holiday trade, are now stabled and can be seen at the feed yard at the corner of South Water and Wood streets. Go and look at them.

IMBODEN BROS.

New Restaurant Firm.

There has been a change in the proprietorship of the handy restaurant at 1[illegible] South Side Lincoln Square. Messrs. [illegible]man & Lawrence are in possession and they invite the public to give them a call. Both of the gentlemen comprising this firm are well known in this community. J. H. Inman has been for four years connected with the restaurant at No. 105 South Main street, where he has catered to the wants of the public, and in which establishment he still retains an interest. Mr. Lawrence has been in the employ of "Cheap Charley" for quite a while, and has a large circle of acquaintances, all of whom will wish him well in the new enterprise. Both gentlemen will give their personal attention to this restaurant and are prepared to serve the public with meals at all hours of the day and night. Their lunch counter will be a prominent feature and everything on it will be kept up to standard par excellence, strictly first class—and sold at reasonable prices. There has long been an opening for just such an establishment in this city and that it will be liberally patronized need hardly be said.

To-Night's Great Laugh.

The opera house will contain a merry audience this evening, drawn hither to witness the second appearance in this city of the famous laughter-producing comedy, "Skipped by the Light of the Moon," a play that can lay claim to the largest and most successful run of all the funny plays ever produced, and which everywhere greeted by crowded audiences who receive the comic situations of the play with shrieks of laughter and enthusiastic applause.

THESE are busy times for C. B. Prescott, who is having a big trade in Haines Bros.' and other standard pianos, organs, and musical merchandise generally. His stock is large and varied, selected especially for the holiday season. See his display.

Don't be Deceived

Into paying large prices for Watches, Clocks and Jewelry. We can and will meet any cut and even do better by you on anything in our line than any jewelry house in Decatur will give you.
14-d6 PEAKE & SON.

TONE up the system and improve the appetite by taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla. It will make you feel like a new person. Thousands have found health, and relief from suffering, by the use of this great blood purifier, when all other means failed.

Chicago Grain Market.

The following were the closing quotations in Chicago at 1 p. m. to-day, received by G. C. Caldwell, agent of J. M. Shaw & Co., Commission Merchants:

WHEAT—7[illegible]6 Dec; 76½ Jan; 77⅛ Feb, 83½ May.

CORN—48⅝ Dec; 49 Jan; 49½ Feb, 54⅛ May.

OATS—31 Dec; 30⅞ Jan; 31[illegible] Feb, 33⅞ May.

PORK—$15.20 Jan; $15.35 Feb, $15.80 May.

LARD—$7.80 Jan; $7.90 Feb, $8.20 May.

RIBS—$7.80 Jan; $7.90 Feb, $8.20 May.

Live Stock—Estimated receipts—Hogs 17,000; 5c to 10c higher.

Cattle, 7,000; prospects steady.

Car Lots—Wheat: Winter 3; Spring, 187; Corn, 215; Oats 134.

Visiting Their New Works

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The board of directors and several of the large stockholders of the New York & Perry Coal and Iron Company, left in the special car "Pickwick" on the Pennsylvania road at quarter past seven o'clock last evening for the Shawnee valley, in Perry county, O., where their mines are located, for the purpose of opening their new works. The company last summer increased its capital by $1,500,000, and this amount has been used in the erection of new works, and in the purchase of adjacent coal and iron fields.

Crushed to Death in a Drawbridge.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 16.—William Dunlap, an employe of William F. Rush, No. 1720 Lancaster street, met with a horrible death yesterday. He attempted to jump from a drawbridge that was being thrown out of street line, and was caught between the bridge and the abutment. His body was drawn through a space of five and one-half inches, and was wedged in there. His intestines were exposed and he was terribly lacerated. He died last night. Dunlap came from New York State a few weeks ago.

Swept by a Hurricane.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The Atlas line steamer Athos arrived here from the West Indies yesterday, bringing tidings of a terrific hurricane which swept over Savannalla during the first three days of November. An immense amount of property on land and water was destroyed.

Struck a Rock and Sank

NEW LONDON, Conn. Dec. 16.—The Schooner Billow, of Philadelphia, for Hartford, struck a rock off Branford yesterday morning, and sank. The crew was rescued by a tug after being nine hours in the rigging. The vessel and cargo of coal are a total loss.

A Villain's Sentence.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 16.—Thomas Tibbitts was yesterday afternoon convicted of having committed a felonious assault upon seven-year-old Maggie McDermott, his cousin, and sentenced by Judge Duffy to sixteen years in the penitentiary.

Young Woolfolk Convicted and Sentenced to Hang.

MACON, Ga., Dec. 16.—Young Woolfolk was yesterday convicted of the murder of his father and six members of his family in last August, and was sentenced to be hanged February 10, 1888.

It Don't Pay.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Dempsey told Dominick McCaffrey yesterday that he made only sixty-two dollars out of his fight with Reagan. He thinks it has had enough finish fighting.

FOR the Christmas and New Year holidays the L. C. R. R. will sell excursion tickets to all stations north of Cairo, at one fare for the round trip. Tickets will be on sale Dec. 24th, 25th, 26th and 31st, and on Jan. 1st and 2d. Good to return up to January 3d.

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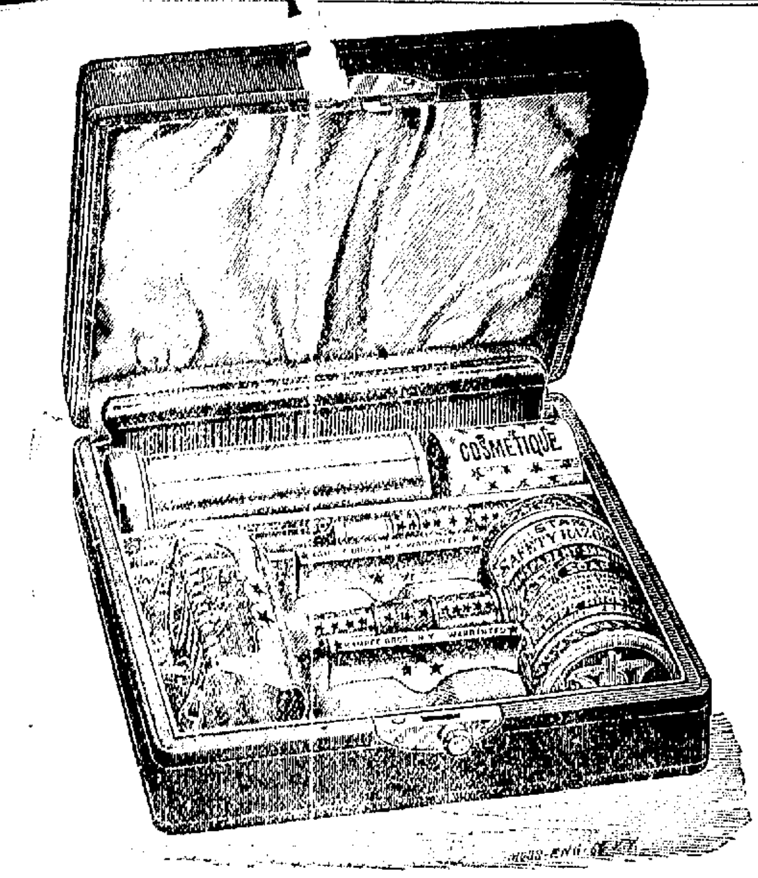

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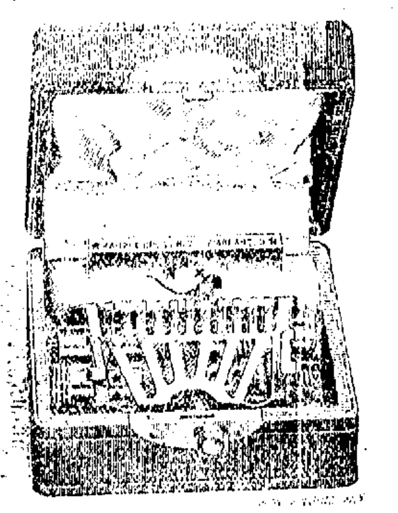

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If your husband or brother travels, or goes fishing or hunting, or any place else where it is necessary for him to shave himself, see what we offer in this line. One cannot cut himself with these razors.

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FRIDAY EVE., DEC. 16, 1887.

LOCAL NEWS.

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THERE will be plenty of singing and dancing and hilarious laughter at the opera house to-night. "Skipped" will be the attraction.

NOBBY high chairs for infants and easy chairs for elderly people at Dustman & Meyer's furniture store.

THE combined weight of Mrs. General Tom Thumb and her husband, Count Magri, and his brother, Baron Magri, is only one hundred and seventy-seven pounds, the average weight of one good man.

OPENING of the regular half term of Musical College Monday, Dec. 19th. Pupils will be received at any time. d6

THE advance sale of seats for the Dickens reading Monday night next will be large. Every one should secure seats to-morrow morning at Prescott's music store. Prices, 50c, 75c and $1.00.

THE best on earth can truly be said of Griggs' Glycerine Salve, which is a sure, safe and speedy cure for cuts, bruises, scalds, burns, wounds and all other sores. Will positively cure piles, tetter and all skin eruptions. Try this wonder healer. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. Only 25 cents. Sold by Dr. A. J Stoner 1b

The Christmas Bazar.

Special attention is called to the fair, festival and Christmas Bazar, to be given Friday, December 16, at the tabernacle by the Ladies' New Church Aid Society of the Presbyterian church. The fancy articles, all especially designed for Christmas, will be on sale on Friday afternoon and evening. A public dinner will be served beginning at 11:30 a. m. and supper at 5 o'clock. Sociable and festival at night. 12-d5

Sales of Real Estate.

Zebulon Cox to Joseph K. Hardy, the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of 18, 13, 1, 40 acres, in Austin township, $1,250.

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DON'T fail to read the list of The Art Books, and lists of standard authors in J H. Bevans' standing adv't. dec7-dtf

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DIARIES for 1888 in all styles, at the City Book Store. J. H. Bevans.
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REAL bargains in *Overcoats* at the Star Clothing House. dec1-d1m

Holidays on the Wabash.

Tickets will be sold for the Holidays by the Wabash Railway at one fare for the round trip between all stations and will be on sale December 24, 25, 26, 31, and January 1st and 2d, good going only on date of sale and good to return up to and including January 3d, 1888.

THE children of "Grace Mission" will give on Thursday evening, December 22d, at the East Eldorado Guild Hall a musical entertainment which will be opened with a chorus of human sunflowers who will give selections from the operas Martha, Bohemian Girl, Mikado, etc., concluding with the cantata, "Santa-Claus' Mistake," or "A Bundle of Sticks." Proceeds to go towards the children's Xmas. Give them a liberal patronage.
nov13dtd

THE Christmas plush goods, displayed at W. C. Armstrong's drug store are greatly admired by the ladies and gentleman who have no trouble in making quick selections at reasonable figures. The assortment most embraces all manner of plush toilet articles, useful and ornamental. 10d-6

THE SPENCER & LEHMAN Co. sell the old reliable Peter Shuttler and Moline Wagons. Nov. 9-d&wtf

HILL & BEATTY, south side Central Park, sell the celebrated Standard Rotary Sewing Machine. This machine is acknowledged by all unprejudiced mechanics and sewing machine experts to be superior to anything else in the world in its line for durability, power, speed, ease of operation, elegance of finish and beauty. Call at their store and see the Standard in operation. n18-d&w1m

Frank Cotton.

This eminent comedian will be here for a week, commencing Dec. 26th, on which occasion will occur the grand opening of the Music Hall as a place of amusement. The Bloomington *Bulletin* says:

Last night Frank Cotton, the comedian, commenced a week's engagement at the opera house at 10, 20 and 30 cents. The gallery and dress circle were crowded and the attendance was good. "The Electric Detective," a lightning rod agent piece was given, and Cotton made the people laugh liberally. The Fuller sisters, who lead in the support, and the balance of the people are all that could be expected for the money. 15-dtd

Brought Up Short.

Attorney General Hunt has commenced suit in the name of the People against W. W. Baird, an insurance agent at Bloomington. Baird, it is alleged, has been taking risks here and sending them to a Chicago agency that placed them in companies not authorized to do business in the state. Baird claims the liability, if any, lies with the Chicago agency.

Entertainment

at Edmond street Mission Chapel on the evening of Dec. 16th. Doors open at 7:30. Tickets 25 cents. This school numbers about 200 children. They need more seats, more literature, more money for a free entertainment on Christmas. It is a good school. Buy a ticket and thus help it in its good work. 12d5t

JOAQUIN MILLER contributes a remarkable poem to *The American Magazine* for January, on "Twilight at Nazareth." Edgar Fawcett's "Olivia Delaplaine" is continued and deepens in interest. Cape Breton Island, a secluded region likely to become of interest in the near future, will be described in an illustrated article by F. M. Endlich.

Cora Tanner Saturday Night.

Cora Tanner, the sprightly young actress now playing in "Alone in London," is said to bear a striking resemblance to Ellen Terry, the English actress who supported Irving on his American tour, both in face and manner. She will appear at the opera house Saturday evening. The New York *Times* says: "Cora Tanner, who is meeting with so much as the star in 'Alone in London,' was born on Friday, the 13th day of the month, made her debut on the stage on Friday, and signed her contract to star under the management of Col. W. E. Sinn on the 13th of last January. Cora Tanner is entirely without superstition, and believes the 13th of the month is her lucky day. She has been made an honorary member of the 'Thirteen Club,' and is the only lady connected with this famous organization."

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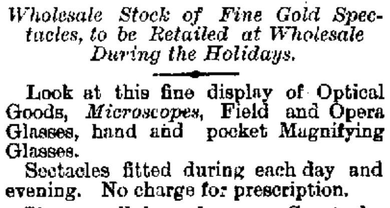

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Publication Notice in Chancery.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.
MACON COUNTY, }

In the Circuit Court—To the January Term, A. D. 1888.

Mary C. Moreland versus John R. Moreland—In Chancery. Bill for Divorce. No. 12,966.

Notice is hereby given to you, the said John R. Moreland, respondent in the above entitled cause, that Mary C. Moreland, the complainant in the same, has heretofore filed in said court on the chancery side thereof, her bill of complaint against you, the said respondent, for a divorce; and that a summons in chancery thereupon issued out of said court against you in said cause, returnable at the court house of said county, in the city of Decatur, on the first day of the next term of said court, to-wit, on the second Monday in the month of January, A. D. 1888, and that said suit is still pending in said court.

E. McCLELLAN, Clerk.

WM. T. CUSSINS, Complainant's Solicitor.
nov29-d4w

Notice.

Notice is hereby given in pursuance of the statute in said case made and provided, that on Thursday, the 22d day of December, instant, I will cause to be presented to His Excellency, the Governor of Illinois, at the Executive Department at Springfield, Ill., my application for pardon for the offense for which I am now imprisoned in the Illinois state penitentiary.

HARRY GRIFFIN.

DECATUR, ILL., Dec. 1st, 1887. d3w*

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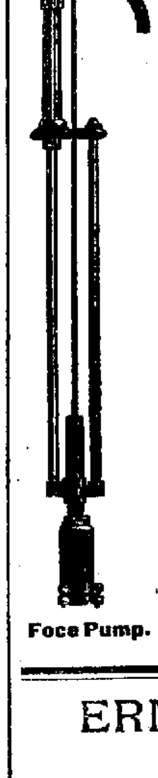

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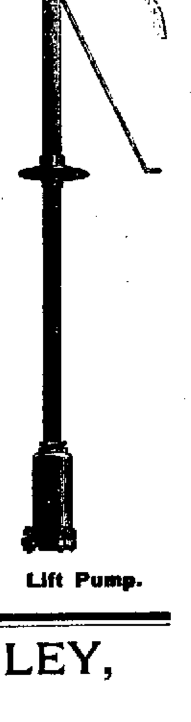

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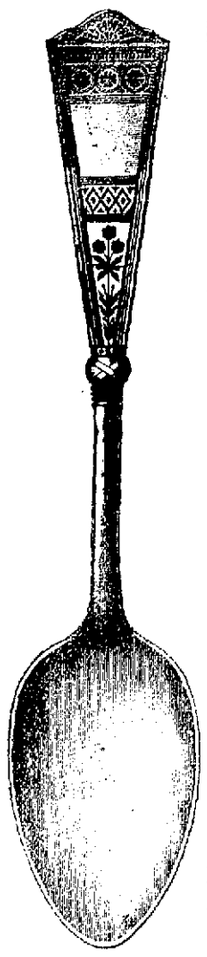

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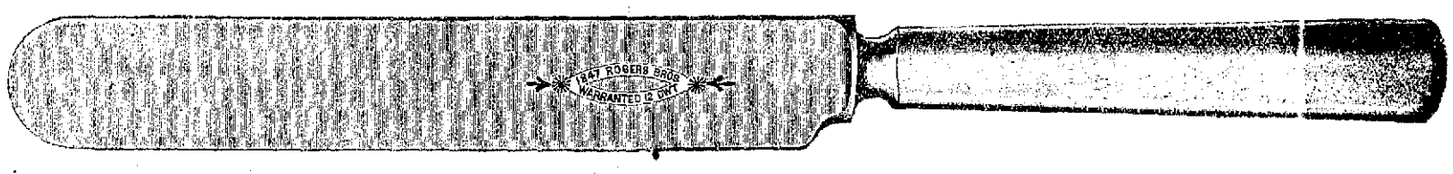

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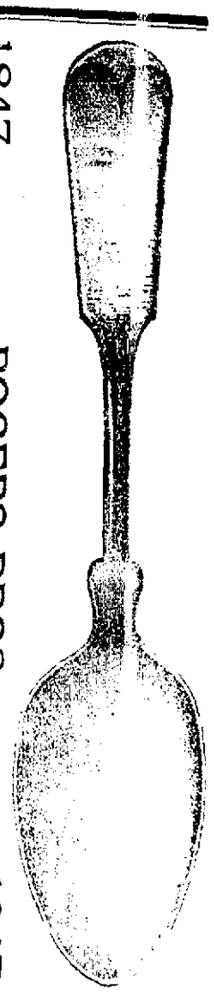

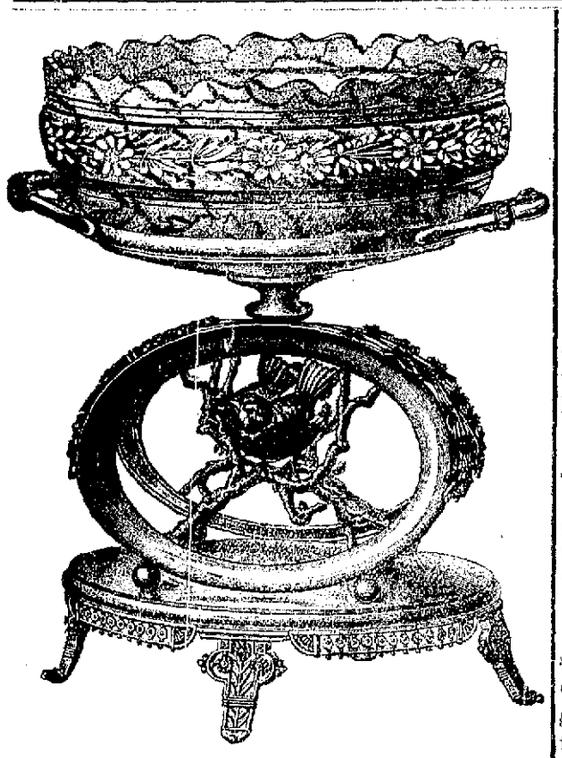

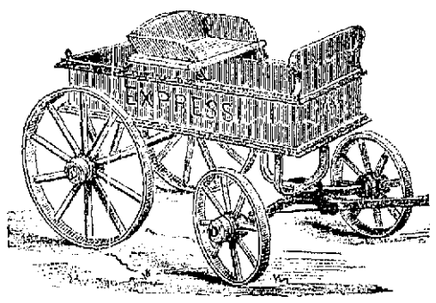

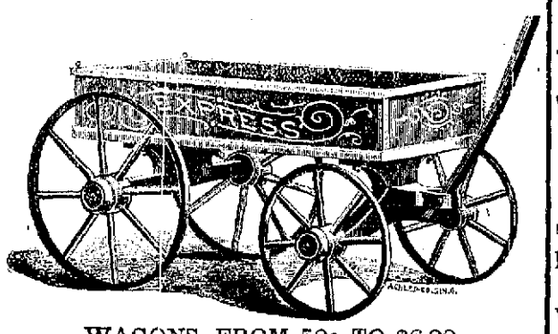

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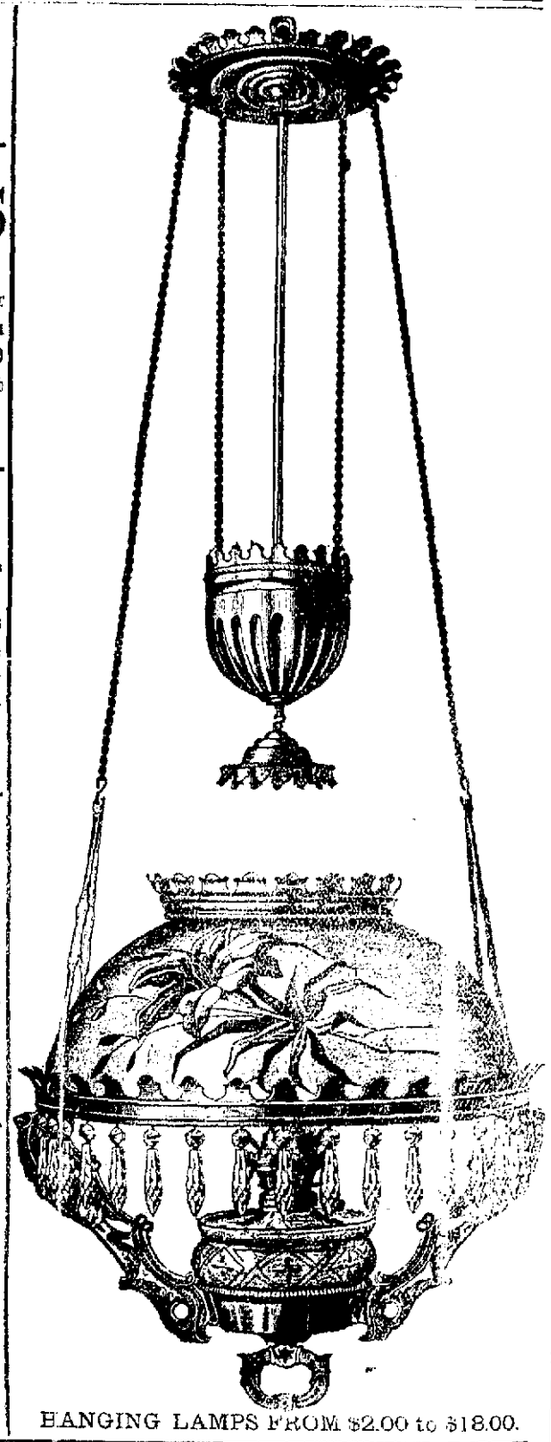

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